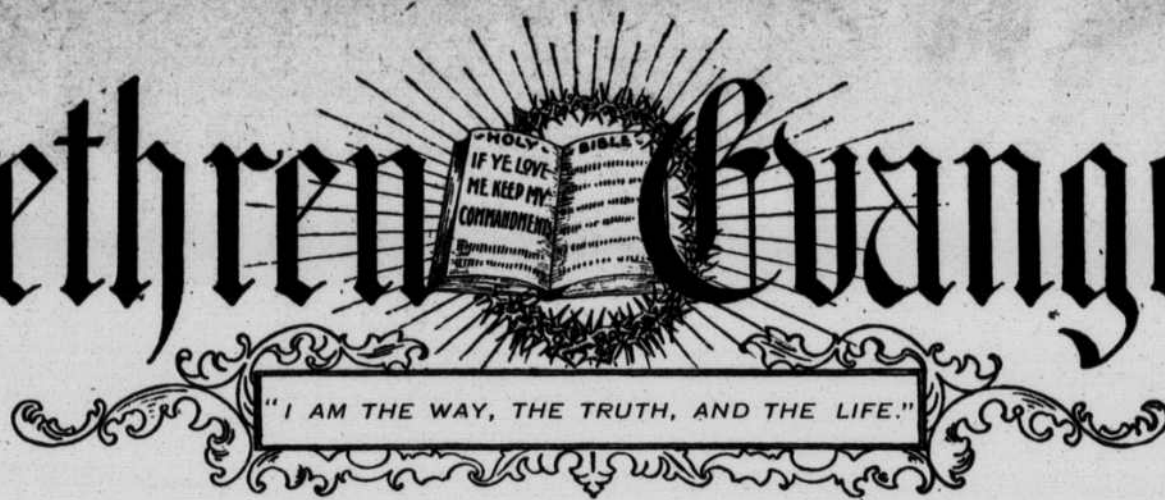


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Notes and Comments.

WHEN you elect delegates to the conference, do not forget to send the names at once to J. A. Miller, Ashland, O.

Do you expect to attend National Conference in September? Only seven weeks from this date to the time of its meeting.

WE have notice of one church that has already elected its delegates to National Conference. That is right. Let other churches follow and attend to the work in time.

WE are pleased to learn that so many of our churches observe Children's Day. We hope that ere long this service will be a regular, yearly service in all our churches.

THE Sunday-schools of the Brethren church have given very substantial support to their own literature this quarter. If there are any schools not using our literature, we shall be pleased to mail samples free.

THE House of Representatives and the Senate of Pennsylvania have passed, and the Governor of the State has approved, the Religious Garb bill. The bill prohibits the wearing of any sectarian dress in public schools by any of the teachers and imposes a fine upon the board of directors of any public school permitting the same.

Do NOT neglect to elect delegates to National Conference. If you cannot be represented in person, you can by letter. Let every properly organized church in the brotherhood be represented.

SEND \$1 for 25 copies of Theology of the Communion Service, by B. C. Moomaw. If you believe in the spiritual blessings the communion service promises to those who properly observe it, you will find great delight in this little book. Price 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

THE *University Reporter* is a new publication, issued in the interests of Ashland University. The name of Rev. J. Allen Miller as editor and publisher, is a sufficient guarantee of its merits and success. It contains college and educational news, together with other matter of great value to those who follow educational pursuits. If you are interested in Ashland University send for sample copy. Issued bi-monthly, at 25 cents per year.

ON Tuesday evening of last week at six o'clock, brother J. A. Miller mailed to the ministers of the Brethren church, blank forms for statistical reports. On Wednesday evening, just twenty-four hours later, he received by mail, properly filled, those sent to brother Martin Shively, Gratis, Ohio. The next day, Thursday, about forty hours after they were mailed, he received from brother J. H. Knepper, Berlin, Pa., three copies correctly filled, containing statistics for three congregations. Two things are certain: These brethren are exceedingly prompt, for which we commend them. They evidently *know* their congregations, the number of members, accessions during the year, value of church property, the Mission points in their charge, expenses, etc. This too, is worthy of commendation. There are pastors who do not know the number of members in their congregations, not even the accessions, nor anything that pertains to statistics.

THE National Convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor, met in Boston, Mass., last week and continued in session over Sabbath. It is reported that more than 40,000 delegates were in attendance, besides a great number of visitors. There is no other organization in existence that can boast of such a gathering. What one secret society, or all of them put together, what political organization, could be represented in convention by 40,000 delegates? This society has become an immense power for good, and with such an army of young people, under religious instruction, daily growing in numbers, surely we have reasons to feel hopeful. Let those who persuade themselves that Christianity is losing its hold upon the people, measure the strength of this and other young people's societies and they will gather inspiration, and renew their faith in the final triumphs of Christianity.

SINCE last report the following subscriptions have been sent in:—

J. A. Ridenour, Elkhart, Ind.,	4
H. M. Yoder, Morrill, Kan.,	4
D. L. King, Orville, Ohio,	1
A. J. Hixon, Parsons, Kan.,	4
Isaac Ross, Buckeye City, O.,	1
J. M. Fox, Decatur, Ind.,	1
J. R. Keller, Beaver City, Neb.,	2
John D. Wyland, Milford, Ind.,	1
J. M. Murray, Aleppo, Pa.,	1
I. D. Cissne, South Bend, Ind.,	2
Silas Helman, Bradford, O.,	1

Whole number, 22

Previously reported, 77

Total, 99

Why not 100? Send us at least *one* more. Who will do it? Let 1000 readers of the EVANGELIST, each try to get this *one*, will you?

I WILL confess my weakness unto Thee, O Lord. Oftentimes a small matter it is that makes me sad and dejected. I resolve I will act with courage.—*Thomas a Kempis.*